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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF

THE MINISTER AND DEACONS,
THE BOARD OF CHARITY,
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL,
THE DELEGATES TO THE BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF CHURCHES,
THE SOUTH FRIENDLY SOCIETY AND THE INDUSTRIAL ROOMS,
THE LADIES' SOCIETY FOR ARMY AND HOSPITAL SEWING,
THE CHRISTIAN UNITY.

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THE MINISTER'S REPORT.

In conformity with our custom, the several reports of the organizations connected with the Parish are here printed for distribution.

The number of persons who have been removed by death from our number, in the year beginning June 13, 1862, is twenty-seven. I have been called to officiate at the funerals of ten other persons not connected with this Church. In the same period I have baptized sixty-eight persons. I have united twenty-three couples in marriage. The number of families of which one or more adult members is connected with our Parish, at this date, so far as I know, is four hundred and thirteen.

The Church was invited to assist at the ordinations of Rev. James de Normandie, on the 1st of Oct., 1862, at Portsmouth; of Rev. J. K Wiggin, on the 6th of Nov., at Springfield, as minister of Montague; of Rev. Charles W. Buck, on the 14th of Dec., at Hollis street Church, as an Evangelist; of Rev. James Sallaway, on the 28th of Jan., 1863, at the First Congregational Church in Billerica; of Rev. Edward Ilsley Galvin, on the 15th of April, at the First Congregational Church of Brookfield; of Rev. J. W. Hudson, on the 6th of May, at the Unitarian Church in Ware; of Rev. S. B. Stewart, on the 13th of May, at the Unitarian Church in Nashua. The Church accepted these invitations by appointing the minister and lay delegates to represent it at each of these ordinations. On the 5th of October, 1862, Rev. George L. Chaney was ordained as minister of Hollis Street Church, and on the 4th of June, 1863, the Rev. Charles E. Webster was ordained as minister of the Church of the Unity, Neponset, Mass. No lay delegates were invited on these occasions but I was present at each, at the invitation of the respective Churches and assisted in the ordinations.

On Sunday the 6th of July, 1862, I used for the first time

the new font which had been provided for the Church at my suggestion, by the contributions of the children and others who had been baptized in the Church. I had invited our distinguished townsman, Mr. Richard S. Greenough, now of Paris, to undertake for us the designing of this font. In reply to this letter he suggested the design which at my request he afterwards adopted for the font which we now use. He copied in part for this purpose an antique tripod of "most elegant proportions and elaborate design" in the museum of the Louvre. That tripod, however, is adorned with lions' heads and swans. In the place of the lions' heads Mr. Greenough substituted the beautiful cherubs which appear upon our font, and for the swans he substituted doves; thus giving a complete symbolism to this gem of Christian classical art.

The original of which he thus availed himself is in Rosso-antico marble, and our hope at first was to reproduce it in similar stone. Mr. Greenough proposed, for our temporary use, to furnish a model for which the subscription which had been made was ample, and to complete it in marble when a proper block could be obtained. It proved impossible, however, to obtain such a block within a reasonable time, and at his suggestion, therefore, the font was completed in bronze by Mr. Defosse, one of the most distinguished artists in that line, who bestowed upon it especial care. The additional expense of the use of this material was most promptly and kindly met by several ladies and gentlemen interested in the object. We thus paid for the cost of casting the model and the bronze. But the work of Mr. Greenough in adapting the classical tripod to our purpose has been a labor of love to the Church which we can only recompense by our thanks to him.

The font is a work of great beauty, and as it stands by the communion table it will be a constant memento to the children who have been baptized in it that the promise is made to them as well as to their parents, and that their Saviour welcomes them even at the moment of their birth.

On the evening of the 8th of Jan., 1863, we commemorated the anniversary of the dedication of our Church. We invited our immediate neighbors, Rev. Mr. Chaney, Dr. Putnam and Dr. Hedge, Rev Mr. Longfellow, to whom we owed our form of dedication, and Dr. Bellows, to address us on the duties of a Congregational Church. The pastors of the two churches nearest us, Rev. Messrs Clark and Hepworth, were unfortunately for us both absent from Boston on public duty. Besides listening to addresses from these gentlemen we repeated the exercises of our dedication, as far as they were appropriate, and in these and in

the social party in the vestry afterwards attempted to renew the resolutions and hopes of the day of our dedication. I hope this anniversary may always be observed with the same design.

This occasion, with two social parties in the vestry proposed by the Standing Committee, one or two festivals of the Sunday School children, the regular meeting of the South Friendly Society, and some interesting lectures delivered at the request of the Young Men's Society, have given frequent occasion through the year for familiar social intercourse among members of the Parish.

On the 5th of December I gave notice that I should be glad to meet on successive Friday evenings all persons who liked to attend at my own room for such social intercourse with the single condition that the subjects for conversation would be drawn from our religious experiences and designs. Friday evening has accordingly been occupied in the vestry by a series of these friendly meetings for religious conversation.

On alternate Thursday evenings the teachers of the Sunday School have met for the study of the Bible. They have been occupied in a series of lessons on the leading characters of the Old Testament.

Mr. Brigham and Miss Seymour, of the Sunday School, acting as a Committee of the "Teachers' Institute," have completed a new service book, which will be adopted in our school at the renewal of its sessions. It seems to me to supply very admirably a deficiency under which we have long suffered.

In November last, at the request of the Board of Charities, the Standing Committee placed in the vestibule of the church the beautiful boxes, for the receipts of alms, which had been designed by Mr. Bradlee. The contributions made here, from Sunday to Sunday, have been expended by the Charity Committee of the Christian Unity, in the immediate relief of the wants of the poor. I know of no way in which persons who wish to express gratitude to God for their own prosperity, or sympathy in the sufferings of their brethren, can relieve those sufferings more effectively than by contributions in these boxes, always ready. Whether the boxes receive such contributions or not, they stand at the doorways as a constant memorial that charity is the first duty of a Christian Church, and of all who enter it.

The lectures spoken of above were the only exercises of the Young Men's Society during the winter; more than half the active members of that society had left us for the scene of war, and the number remaining was not sufficiently large to sustain the interest of the preceding year.

On the first of January, when the Sunday evening services began, of which an account will be found in the report of the Christian Unity, a class for practice in sacred music was formed under the valuable direction of Mr. O. B. Brown, the organist. This class continued every Tuesday evening through the winter.

It may not be improper here to state, that the arrangement of chants for psalms, made for the service of this church, by Mr. Brown and Mr. Kreissman, has been printed during the past year, and has been extensively adopted in the services of other churches, of various communions. It is fitted, indeed, for any church which uses the Protestant English Bible.

In my last report, I acknowledged the sums which I had received for a chapel tent for the 19th Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers. The tent was used by the regiment during the operations of our army against Richmond. In the "change of base" of the last week of June, 1862, this gallant regiment was too constantly engaged with the enemy to attend to the removal of all its equipments, and the chapel tent fell into the enemy's hands. In the hope that they will continue to use it for the purpose for which it was designed, I have never regretted its transfer of ownership. We must regard it as a missionary contribution, in a quarter where such contributions seem to be needed, which we will still rank, however, among our home missions.

The flannel shirts first made by our ladies, after the appointment of our Army Committee, clothed those Missouri volunteers who alone first met the army in the battle of Shiloh.

Officers and privates from this Society have served during the past year in every one of the great army divisions, excepting that of Gen. Rosecrans. They have been on the Potomac, on the Rappahannock, on the James River, in North and South Carolina, at New Orleans and Baton Rouge, on the Mississippi River, in the army of Tennessee, and in the navy. The lives of all of them have been spared, excepting the loss to us of Capt. George Bush, who was killed below Fredericksburg, in Virginia, in the operations connected with Gen. Hooker's crossing of that river in the beginning of May. Lieut. Joseph Tenney and Capt. J. R. Bigelow have been wounded, but, as we trust, are not permanently injured. Forty-three members of the congregation have been engaged in the military service of the country during that time. Fifteen of these were in the 44th Regiment, which returned to us on Wednesday last.

All contributions paid to me for the various charities of the Church have been transferred by me to the treasurers of the several funds, and will be found acknowledged in their reports,

with the exception of $774.08, which I have received from different persons for my own poor's purse, and for specified objects of charity. I have expended these gifts, for the use of which I am most grateful, according to the wishes of the donors.

Respectfully submitted by

EDWARD E. HALE,
Minister of the South Congregational Church.

BOSTON, June 13, 1863.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN ACCOUNT WITH R. J. BYRAM, TREASURER.

Cr.

1862.		
August.	By cash dividend W. R. Road, ...	$8 00
December.	" contribution, ...	44 06
1863.		
April 23.	By cash dividend W. R. Road, ...	8 00
		$60 06

Dr.

1862.			
May 22.	For balance due Treasury, ...	$10 86	
Dec. 23.	" cash paid T. W. Seaverns & Co., . . .	20 38	
1863.			
March.	" " " bread bill, ...	10 90	
April 1.	" " " T. W. Seaverns & Co., . . .	7 28	
	" amount of cash on hand, ...	10 64	
			$60 06

R. J. BYRAM, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, May 1863.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHARITIES.

THE Board of Charities was organized on the 10th of November, 1844, at which time there was a meeting of the congregation called by Rev. Mr. Huntington. The following votes were adopted :

Voted, That it is expedient for the members of this congregation to form themselves into an Association for charitable purposes.

Voted, That all persons worshipping at this place be considered members of this Association.

Voted, That there shall be an annual meeting of the Association in the month of November, and other meetings at such times as shall be thought expedient.

Voted, That at the annual meeting, twelve persons shall be chosen for Directors for the ensuing year, whose duty shall be to call meetings of the Association, at such times as they shall deem expedient, to consider all applications for charity, and to report thereon to the Association, or to act thereon as they shall think proper.

Voted, That said Directors shall choose from among themselves their own Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, and shall, at each annual meeting, make a full report of the amounts by them collected for charitable purposes during the past year; and shall give, in detail, the several appropriations by them made, and shall report on such other matters, and make such suggestions, as will best promote the objects of the Association.

Voted, That the Pastor of the South Congregational Church shall, *ex officio*, be a member of the Board of Charities.

Voted, That the following named persons constitute the Directors for the ensuing year:

Joseph Eustis,	Charles Upham,
Charles Torrey,	Phineas E. Gay,
William Brigham,	Micha Cutler,
William H. Howard,	William T. Andrews,
Oliver Carter,	Jonathan Ellis,
Samuel F. Morse,	R. J. Byram.

Voted, That said Directors are authorized to fill any vacancies which may occur in their body, and to make any arrangements relative to the objects of the Association which they shall think proper.

Of this Board, William Brigham was chosen Secretary.

For nearly nineteen years the charities of the Society have flowed through its hands, into streams opened by the discriminating philanthropy of the gentlemen who have successively composed the Board.

In a review of the history of the Board of Charities, it is interesting to observe how wide a range has been given to the appropriations of the funds which have been intrusted to its disposal. We have seen the miracle of the five loaves and two fishes repeated even in our modest charities: for, not to speak too much in detail, instances are fresh in mind where a few crumbs *here*, to a famishing cause, or a little seed sown *there*, in what may have seemed a desert place, have, in the growing life of a few years, been the means of blessings to others —

who, in their turn, have received the bounty from hands which, in the first instance, were stretched out to receive our aid.

But our local appropriations have not been neglected. The destitute within the sound of our own bell,—the neglected children in our own streets,—the heathen at our own doors have had all the consideration which our limited resources would admit for their physical and moral wants. The central organization which so successfully adapts itself to that class of persons in our large cities who never come under the influences of religion, is the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches. For many years our society have contributed to its support, and we believe that no more effective means can be found of ministering to those whose position in life peculiarly calls for that tender solicitude and care which this Ministry at Large always freely gives.

The collections made by the Board this year for the Benevolent Fraternity amounted to $1050. Last year the Fraternity advanced to the Christian Unity $600, for the rent of the chapel at the corner of Shawmut avenue and South Williams street,—and this year agree to pay $200, the rent of Tuckerman Hall, where the Unity now holds its regular services.

Another branch of City Missionary work which has deeply interested the Board is that known as Father Mason's Mission. In his death a most vital and important work sustained an irreparable loss. It reached down to the substratum of society, and was one to which only the rarest qualities of a Christian manhood could successfully minister. In the perfect simplicity and self-forgetfulness of his mission there was blended harmoniously the zeal and energy of a living, working spirit. The delicate tact and wonderful perception of character which his mission daily developed, added, with every year, to the rich harvest of blessing which crowned his labors.

The appropriations for materials for the sewing schools has been expended under the direction of Mrs. Barry and Miss Emmons. This is a most valuable charity, and its fruits are apparent even now to those who have been interested in its operations.

The items of expenditure for the Christian Unity will be found explained in the report of the Unity as well as the appropriations for the adult evening schools, to which attention is called.

The other items in the Treasurer's report are brought out in the several reports which are embraced in this pamphlet and published under direction of the Board of Charities.

The Board assumes the responsibility for all the collections

which are made during the year, and no appeal is made to the Society which does not come directly from them as the necessity for funds presents itself to them.

Respectfully submitted by

WM. HOWELL REED, *Secretary.*

STATEMENT OF COLLECTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS,

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE BOARD OF CHARITIES,

South Congregational Church.

1862.			
June 1.	To balance on hand, ...	$68 61	
Oct. 12.	To amount of Annual Collection for the Poor, ...	330 00	
1863.			
Feb. 21.	To amount of Annual Collection for Miscellaneous Purposes, ...	296 85	
" "	To amount of Annual Collection for Benevolent Fraternity Churches, . .	1,054 00	
April 26.	To amount of Annual Collection for American Unitarian Association, .	300 00	
			$2,049 46
1862.			
Oct. 12.	By amount paid to Pastor for sundry charities, ...	$50 00	
" "	By amount paid for benefit of the Sewing Schools, ...	20 00	
" "	By amount paid for Coal bill for Poor, .	25 00	
" "	By amount paid for Father Mason's Mission, ...	25 00	
" "	By amount paid for the Charities of the Christian Unity, ...	100 00	
" "	By amount paid for the Industrial Room, Evening Schools, &c., ...	50 00	
" "	By amount paid for the Shoe bill, . .	25 00	
" 31,	By amount paid for the benefit of Sunday-School Society, ...	20 00	
" "	By amount paid for the benefit of the Unity, ...	50 00	
1863.			
Jan. 5.	By amount paid for the Expenses of the Unity, ...	68 00	
Feb. 21.	By amount paid for Expenses of sundry evening services at Vestry, . .	25 00	
" "	By amount paid for the Adult Evening		

	Schools at Vestry, ...	20 00	
" "	By amount paid for the benefit of Father Grimes, ...	25 00	
" "	By amount paid for the benefit of Sunday School Society, ...	50 00	
" "	By amount paid for the benefit of the Christian Unity, ...	50 00	
" 27.	By amount paid to the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, ...	1,050 00	
Mar. 8.	By amount paid for Expenses of Delegates, ...	15 00	
" 29.	By amount paid for Expenses of Evening Services in the Vestry, . . .	15 00	
May 17.	By amount paid for Gas bill at Father Mason's Mission, ...	7 43	
" "	By amount paid to Pastor for Parish Poor, ...	20 00	
" "	By amount paid to Unity towards Piano,	10 00	
" "	By amount paid to the Amer. Unitarian Association, ...	300 00	
			$2,020 43
May 24.	Balance on hand, ...		29 03

SALEM T. LAMB.

Boston, May 20th, 1863.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Anniversary of the School was celebrated in the church on the afternoon of Sunday, May 3d, when remarks were made by the Pastor, Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, with singing by the School. The following is from the Superintendent's Report:

Aggregate attendance for the year, . .	1153	teachers,	7206	scholars.
Smallest attendance, ...	14	"	80	"
Largest attendance, ...	33	"	237	"
Average attendance, ...	30	"	185	"

Our roll is 36 teachers—26 ladies and 10 gentlemen, with 299 scholars.

There has been one death in the School, that of Minnie Chapin.

The School has contributed to the Children's Mission $53.44, and has sent five boxes of books and pamphlets to the soldiers.

H. P. KIDDER, *Superintendent*

REPORT OF THE DELEGATES TO THE BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY.

The "Ministry at Large" was commenced in the year 1826, by Rev. Dr. Tuckerman, for the purpose of furnishing *Gospel ministrations* to large numbers of people who were residing in this city without them, and who from various causes would be likely to continue so unless they were brought to their doors and *offered* to them. He soon found that the number was larger than he could properly minister to. The same spirit and liberality that *commenced* the work with him have continued through the intervening years, and have increased the number of laborers and chapels with the increasing demand for them.

Eight laborers have been employed the past year, till early autumn, when Rev. Mr. Ubelacker, who had for several years devoted a portion of his time to Germans, removed from the city and State.

Rev. Mr. Torricelli is now employed to labor not only amongst his own countrymen, the Italians, but to Germans and *all* foreigners whom he can meet with and visit, and thus bring under his influence. Mr. T.'s attainments in five or six different languages seem to fit him peculiarly for this purpose.

The attendance at the Canton street Chapel was very much reduced, and it was thought advisable to discontinue the public services there on the first of January, and the audience room was then given up. The Executive Committee hope that this will be but a temporary arrangement. They are waiting the developement of events to enable them to perfect such plans as they have in view, and which they hope at no very distant day to see accomplished in a successful ministry at the southern section of the city.

Mrs. Barry is continuing her labors as heretofore, and may be found at her room in the Canton street Chapel building daily (except Saturdays) at 1 to 2 o'clock. She meets her infant class on Sunday at 1½ o'clock, P. M.

Upon the removal of the Christian Unity to Tuckerman Hall, in January, the Executive Committee of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches made an appropriation of two hundred dollars for their use.

The Pitts street and Hanover street chapels and the chapel at Washington Village are in successful operation. Dr. Bigelow is pursuing his labors as usual, visiting from house to house and pausing by the way to drop counsel and advice as he has opportunity, as you will perceive more fully from the Annual Report which will be printed and distributed in the pews of the church.

To this report your attention is requested, that a more intimate acquaintance with its varied operations may awaken increased interest in this blessed Christian missionary institution.

The prompt and liberal response which was made to the pleading of our pastor for an addition to our contribution to the funds of the Fraternity (one thousand and fifty dollars, as will appear from the annual report of the Treasurer of the Board of Charities) is creditable to the society, and is gratefully acknowledged. This liberality, together with like liberality on the part of some other branches, has brought the receipts of the year into the Treasury nearer to the expenditures than for several years past,—a very gratifying result and worthy of grateful mention in the present embarrassing state of public affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE MERRILL, *Secretary.*

BOSTON, March 22, 1863.

THE SOUTH FRIENDLY SEWING CIRCLE.

The Circle has been in existence now 30 years. The past year our meetings have been very small. The last meeting of the season was held April 9th.

During the year 1862 our receipts were $218.52; expenditures, $160.40; leaving in the Treasury, $58.12. We have received for membership, $82.50. We have taken from the bank $100, with interest making $119.02, which added to balance of cash on hand, and a small donation, makes up the $218.52.

Many poor women have been helped to pay their rent, and have received clothing from the Circle, who otherwise might have suffered.

We have given away 109 yards of calico and 33 undergarments.

The Officers of the Society for the year 1863 are—

MRS. JOSEPH EUSTIS, ...	*President.*
MRS. J. Q. ADAMS, ...	*Vice President.*
MISS M. E. DARLING, ...	*Secretary.*
MISS M. A. MERRILL, ...	*Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE ARMY AND SANITARY ASSOCIATION.

Since the report last year the Ladies of the Sanitary Committee have received, and now gratefully acknowledge, donations of clothing, cotton cloth, and delicacies for the sick from

Mrs. Adams,
Mrs. Merrill,
Mrs. Boyd,
Mrs. Weston,
Mrs. Rogers,
Mrs. Macomber,
Mrs. Brewer,
Mrs. Porter,
Mrs. Williams,
Mrs. Palfrey,
Mrs. Brooks,
Mrs. McCrillis,
Mrs. Smiley,
Mrs. Palmer,
Mrs. Dinsmore,
Mrs. O. Everett,
Mrs. G. Reynolds,
Mrs. Elistis,
Mrs. Reynolds,
Mrs. Ellis,
Mrs. Thayer,
Mrs. Willard,
Mrs. Fowle,
Mrs. Coleman,
Mrs. Nichols,
Mrs. Darling,
Mrs. Dewey,
Mrs. Blake,
Mrs. Hale,
Mrs. French,
Mrs. Monroe,
Mrs. Allen,
Mrs. Lawrence,
Miss Dall,
Miss Emmons,
Miss Jones,
Miss Andrews.
Mr. Eaton.

Donations of money have also been received, amounting to 285.90, from

Mrs. Randall,
Mrs. Palmer,
Mrs. Ellis,
Mrs. Williams,
Miss Dall,
Miss Richardson,
Dr. Weld,
Mr. Kidder,
Mr. Bates,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. Spooner,
Mr. Tilton,
Mr. Devens,
Mr. Pratt.

From materials donated and purchased with this money the Ladies have made

248 Shirts,
395 Pairs Drawers,
47 Sheets,
254 Hdkfs.
43 Pairs Slippers,
80 Pillow Cases,
12 Bundles old Linen and Cotton,
3594 Yards Bandages,
97 Towels,
24 Pairs Socks,
8 Boxes Lint,
12 Woollen Caps,
6 Dressing Gowns.

Fourteen boxes containing clothing and delicacies for the sick and wounded have been sent to Baltimore Hospital, Sanitary Rooms, Summer Street, Discharged Soldiers' Home, Roanoke Island, Roxbury Company, Alexandria Hospital, Louisville, Newbern, Annapolis Hospital, and Quincy, Ill.

This list does not include the numerous articles sent from

the Church in answer to the call on the last Sunday in August; as the rapidity with which the articles were packed left no time to take an account.

The Committee commence another year with a full treasury from the recent contributions for army and sanitary purposes; and in view of the large demands which are now making for the comfort of the wounded, both at the West and in the East, we shall hope to redouble our exertions and contribute even more largely *during the present* year.

REPORT OF THE MANAGERS OF THE INDUSTRIAL ROOM,

IN THE VESTRY OF THE SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,

From May 17, 1862, *to June* 15, 1863.

Relying for the last three years entirely on the sale of garments for replenishing our funds, and unavoidably losing a little at every sale, and this year paying for work for soldiers at the Home for Discharged Soldiers, washing, and various other work that brought us no return, we have less on hand than ever before.

RECEIPTS.

From the Committee on the May Day Fair, 1862,		$75 00
From the sale in the vestry February 22d, 1862,		50 00
From the sale of garments at other times,		62 13
Sundry donations,		2 25
		$189 38
Paid for cotton, woollen, etc.,	$94 75	
" for work,	61 36	
		156 11
		$33 27
Garments on hand estimated worth		30 00
		$63 27

During the season we received a gift of one piece of sheeting.

FOURTH REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN UNITY.

The Christian Unity was organized on the 14th of December, 1858, among members of the South Congregational Church, and others residing in the neighborhood, by the adoption of the following—

CONSTITUTION.

The CHRISTIAN UNITY is a society for mutual friendship and assistance.

Its members strive to do to each other as they would be done by, in the spirit of our Saviour.

They render each other mutual help in all sickness, or other want of body, mind, or soul; and they ask help of each other as readily as they offer it.

For these purposes they unite in this society; undertaking to do such duty for the society as the proper officers may request, to sustain its character, to assist each other by strict temperance and purity of life, and by fulfilling the duties of good citizens and friendly neighbors.

The Officers for the last year have been,—

EDWARD E. HALE,	*President.*
CHARLES J. BISHOP,	*Superintendent.*
LEONARD A. JONES,	*Superintendent of Sunday School.*
MRS. E. C. WHITE,	*Superintendent of Infant School.*
HENRY P. KIDDER, JOHN SWEETSER, SALEM T. LAMB, SAMUEL B. DANA, *Sec.*	*Committee on Finance.*
JAMES CHASE,	*Librarian.*
S. B. BALL,	*Teacher of Music.*
L. G. WARE,	*Minister.*

The organization of the Unity grew out of the mutual acquaintance formed in the charge of a Sunday School and Singing School, established by Mr. Bishop, in the vestry of our old church. Contemplating, at first, the kind offices to each other designated in the Constitution, we very soon found that we could and ought to extend those offices to others around us in need, whether they were or were not members of the Unity.

The Unity is to be regarded, therefore, in two points of view. In our original intention it looked chiefly to mutual improvement, assistance and friendship among its members,—and in this idea it has sustained frequent meetings for instruction, for worship, and for social and religious conference. But it very

soon appeared that such an organization of forty or fifty persons actively engaged in the relief of want was often called upon to care for those who were not members of its organization and did not mean to be. It would ill become a Christian society to decline such appeals. And the Unity, always having its charity committee and other officers ready for the relief of suffering, has made very little question as to those who needed relief, except to ask whether it could really best attend to their necessities. We always do attempt to cultivate self respect by showing those whom we assist how they can assist others. We believe that in this way the trifle which we are able to expend in charity is often and largely multiplied. To the Unity, acting thus as a Minister at Large, the Board of Charities of the Church has entrusted to be spent in the direct physical relief of the poor $260.31, for which we are largely indebted to those who have contributed it.

Of course the charities which thus interest us call for and receive the individual assistance of our members not belonging to this report, and we avail ourselves as far as we can, also, of the established charities of the city. With so small a sum as we name we have been able to keep the supervision by our committees of a series of charitable effort in the neighborhood much more considerable than this amount of almsgiving would imply.

Not regarding physical relief as the most important necessity, however, we have, from the beginning, maintained a Sunday School and religious services, open to all comers, conducting them in such ways as we thought would most readily induce the attendance of those not regularly connected with stated places of worship. In January, 1862, the "Benevolent Fraternity of Churches" having offered us very liberal assistance towards maintaining these exercises in Hedding Chapel, we removed to that place. But the great distance whichit compelled most of our children and teachers to walk, and the loss of the services of Mr. Rich immediately after, were disadvantages which we felt severely, and more than compensated for the advantages of the new location. We continued our service there in the face of them for one year, as we were bound to do by our agreement with the "Benevolent Fraternity." But, at the end of that time, we returned to Tuckerman Hall, where our Sunday School was formerly most prosperous. The removal has been of immediate benefit in the Sunday School, which is steadily enlarging.

The Sunday School, in the absence of Mr. Bishop, last summer was under the careful charge of Mr. S. Harris Austin, to whose constant kindness we are very greatly indebted.

In the autumn the children enjoyed an anniversary festival,

which was arranged by the care of Mr. Francis C. Nye and Mr. Brown, to whom they had become greatly attached, and who have rendered very efficient service.

At the same time the "Benevolent Fraternity" suspended their mission in Canton street, and with the wish to supply the vacancy left in the religious services open to all comers in this part of the town, the Standing Committee of the Church, at my request, gave permission for the opening of a service "for the neighborhood" in the vestry of the church Sunday evenings. In the conduct of this service we have been favored by the assistance of our most distinguished ministers. Provision for the musical service was made through the kindness of Mr. Jonas Ball and his son. But the small average attendance at these meetings seems to show that there was not the necessity for them which we had supposed.

The facility for an evening school afforded in the attic of the Hedding Chapel induced us to open in November schools for young men and young women under the charge of Rev. J. B. Torricelli, Dr John Green and Mr. Harris Austin, and a faithful body of gentlemen and ladies who volunteered as teachers. We are under the greatest obligations to all of them for their exertions. These schools were closed in the month of March. We also invited Mrs. Barry to establish her sewing school in the same place, and she did so.

On the 1st of November the winter charity committees were organized, and at successive meetings since have been renewed. At the Friday evening conversation meeting, in the vestry, they have met weekly, and the charity expenses of the winter, named in the account below and alluded to above, have been made at their order. The expenses of the summer appear in the Treasurer's report.

The Unity is greatly indebted to the Standing Committee for permission to remove to Tuckerman Hall the piano formerly used in the vestry of the church. This grant reduces materially our current annual expense for Sunday School services.

We have suffered severe deprivations in the year past by giving up Mr. Rich for service at Edisto and in California, Dr. Green and Dr. Wilder for service in the hospitals, Capt. E. A. Jones for service in the army, and other friends who were obliged to leave us. These were among our most active assistants in the Sunday School. But we have been favored by welcoming back Dr. Green after his long absence, and by the vigorous service of new teachers, among whom we are especially indebted to Mr. John Williams and Mr. E. W. Marden. These

gentlemen have been of great service in the Sunday School, in the Wednesday service, and in our work generally.

We enter upon the year with some debt, principally due to the fact that we were obliged to sustain, almost unaided, the expenses of the Industrial Room, after it had been adopted, as we supposed, as a charity of the ten Protestant churches of the South End. On the first of July, 1862, just after our last report was published, we reluctantly abandoned this useful charity, as an attempt too great for our unaided resources. But a considerable part of the charges for it fall upon our "repayments to officers" in this year.

Respectfully submitted by

EDWARD E. HALE.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CHRISTIAN UNITY.

FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 1, 1863.

RECEIPTS.

Proceeds Fair in South Congregational Church,	$122 26
Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, Hedding Chapel*,	587 66
" " " Tuckerman Hall,	50 00
Board of Charities, for errand office, coal, printing, and general expenses,	305 63
Collections by friends,	204 44
Still due C. J. Bishop on old account,	140 10
	$1410 09

EXPENDITURES.

[*Christian Unity.*]

Balance due officers Christian Unity May 1, 1862,	$336 22	
Salary Rev. C. E. Rich,	50 00	
Relief of Poor†,	53 02	
Printing for Christian Unity,	7 75	
" " Errand Office,	32 00	
Rent of Tuckerman Hall 3 months,	50 00	
		528 99

[*Hedding Chapel and Adult Schools.*]

Paid rent of Hedding Chapel a $650 per annum,	$671 50	
Lamps for Evening School in attic,	22 73	
Gas, fuel, and making fires,	91 06	
Rent of pianos 1862–63,	53 56	
		838 85

[*Sunday evening services in Church.*]

Paid expenses of services,	$22 25	
Musical instruction,	20 00	
		42 25
		$1410 09
June 1, 1863. To balance from old account,	$140 10	

[*Winter Charities.*]

Received from Board of Charities November 1, 1862,	$100 00
Jan. 1, 1863—June 1. From charity boxes and friends,	108 29
To balance,	18 00
	$226 29
Expended, by votes of Committee, between Nov. 11 and June 1,	$226 29

*The Benevolent Fraternity gave us $600 towards the rent of Hedding Chapel, the agreement being that the rents of the stores under the Chapel should be collected for their benefit. This we did, and paid them back $99.52, which does not appear in our accounts.

†This only includes the amount expended last summer. The winter account appears in the report of the Charity Committee, to which, since Nov. 11, 1862, the Treasurer of the Board of Charities has paid directly the sums appropriated to them by the Board.

S. B. Dana, *Treasurer.*

South Congregational Church.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF

THE STANDING COMMITTEE,
THE MINISTER AND DEACONS,
THE BOARD OF CHARITIES,
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL,
THE DELEGATES TO THE BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF CHURCHES,
THE SOUTH FRIENDLY SOCIETY AND THE INDUSTRIAL ROOMS,
THE CHRISTIAN UNITY.

FOR THE YEAR 1864-5.

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REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee submit the following report: —

The rents and taxes levied during the past year were			$8,149 67
Less uncollected			60 80
			$8,088 87
Back taxes collected			22 40
Interest and sundries			3 46
Pews paid for			1,250 00
			$9,364 73
Deficiency at commencement of year		$346 80	
Expenses for year—			
Pastor's salary	3,500 00		
do. donation	500 00		
Mr. Hale's Assistant	400 00		
Music	1,940 30		
Repairs, Furniture, &c.	295 39		
Supply of Pulpit	105 00		
Sexton	600 00		
Printing, Stationery, Insurance	224 27		
Gas, Fuel, and Water	809 93		
Sunday School	150 00		
Collection of Taxes	200 00	8,724 89	9,071 69
			$293 04

And there are bills presented, but not yet paid, amounting to $442,06, which will somewhat more than absorb the surplus.

The late Treasurer died owing the society $1,048.15, and the present Treasurer has advanced $755.11; difference, $293.04.

The society now owns fifteen Pews. Valuation as follows: —

No. 32	$160	No. 93	220
33	120	94	260
34	160	38	200
37	140	145	200
89	260	146	140
90	220	147	140
91	200	149	160
92	200		
		Total	$2,780

The outstanding scrip in the new church remains as at the last report, $1,779.50.

The outstanding scrip in the old church standing at the last report at $528.46, now stands at $478.19.

It has been for some years the custom for the Secretary to collect the taxes and rents and hand them to the Treasurer.

In the opinion of the Committee, a correct construction of the by-laws places the duty and responsibility of making these collections upon the Treasurer.

The practice of taking up the taxes in contribution-boxes during service is distasteful to many in the congregation, and we recommend to our successors to cause the Treasurer to collect the taxes (abandoning the use of contribution-boxes), and would recommend to the Treasurer that he employ our sexton to make the collections, unless at any time he sees reason to make other arrangements.

It may be mentioned here that the present Treasurer, not being able to hold the office longer, declines to be a candidate for re-election.

Early in the year, the attention of the Committee was directed to the music, and, as one step in improvement, we secured the services of one of the leading organists in the city, who came to us on the 1st of October. The liberality of many gentlemen in the society also enabled us to obtain a first-class organ, built by the Messrs. Hook, which was first used in our Sunday services Nov. 6, 1864.

These two improvements have evidently had a decidedly beneficial effect on the temporal prosperity of our society.

We have now engaged the services of four singers of high rank, two of whom have already joined us, and the other two will come on the 1st of May; after which, we confidently expect the music will be satisfactory.

Returning our thanks to the kind friend who has provided us with flowers for our Sunday services during the past year, it seems to us well that the Society should furnish them for the coming year.

During the last summer, the Committee succeeded in making an arrangement with the Church of the Unity by which each church was closed for three weeks, the two Societies uniting in their respective churches. The experiment seems to have been satisfactory, and we would recommend that it be repeated this year, if possible, extending the period of closing to four weeks for each church.

The changes in the cost of living force us to call your serious attention to the salaries of our Pastor and others whom we employ.

Our expenses up to last year were about $7,000 per annum; our Pastor's salary being $3,000; our Sexton's, $400; and the music costing about $1,600. Last year we increased our

Pastor's salary,	$1,000
Sexton's,	200
Music,	400
Fuel, repairs, etc.,	400
In all,	$2,000

carrying our expenses up to about $9,000. But even with this increase, our Pastor's salary at present is in fact much less to him than when it was $3,000, while his family has increased in number, and he is passing the prime of life.

With our Society in the highest state of prosperity, which we must remember is owing in a great measure to the distinguished talent of our Pastor, it seems to us that $5,000 is the lowest salary we ought to pay him, and we have, accordingly, included that amount in our recommended appropriations. Of course, this will involve an increase of taxation.

The appropriations which we would recommend for the coming year are

Pastor's salary,	$5,000
Pastor's assistant,	400
Supply of pulpit,	150
Music, and incidental expenses,	3,200
Sexton's salary,	800
Gas, fuel, and water,	600
Collecting taxes,	200
Insurance, printing, stationery, &c.,	200
Repairs of house,	150
Furniture, and repairs of same,	150
Sunday School,	150
Flowers,	100
	$11,100

The valuation of our pews, subject to taxation, is		$80,000
Of the 15 pews owned by the Society, 2 are not rented, valued at		400
Leaving a valuation of		$79,600
Fourteen per cent. tax on which would be,	$11,144	
And on the 13 rented pews, valued at $2,380, we receive 6 per cent. additional, say,	142 80	
	$11,286 80	

Respectfully submitted.

For the Standing Committee,

F. H. PEABODY, *Chairman.*

THE MINISTER'S REPORT.

In conformity with our custom, the several reports of the organizations connected with our Parish are here printed for distribution.*

The number of persons who have been removed by death from our number, in the year ending June 13th, 1865, is thirty.

I have been called to officiate at the funerals of nine other persons, not connected with this Church. In the same time I have baptized twenty-nine persons. I have united fifteen couples in marriage. The number of families of which one adult member or more is connected with our Parish, at this date, so far as I know, is four hundred and twenty-one.

In the funeral register of the year, appears the name of Mr. Elisha Copeland. He had been at the time of his death, Treasurer of the Society, ever since the Congregation was gathered in 1827. He had been known with us as a faithful friend, while, as our officer, he had given to our affairs the same assiduous and patient care, which had distinguished him in the public service.

The church was invited to be present at the ordination of Mr. Francis E. Abbott, at Dover, N. H., August 31, 1864; at the installation of Rev. John A. Buckingham, at Sturbidge, Sept. 15; at the installation of Rev. A. P. Putnam, at the Church of the Saviour, Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 28th; at the ordination of Mr. Horatio Alger, Jr., at Brewster, Dec. 8th; at the ordination of Mr. William B. Buxton, at Wilbur, N. H., Dec. 21st; at the ordination of Mr. Charles A. Allen, Montpelier, Vermont, March 1st, 1865. All these invitations were accepted, and the Church was, in each instance, represented by me and another delegate.

Mr. Calvin Stebbins, of this Church, having been appointed a Missionary by the American Unitarian Association, at his request we called a Congregational Council, inviting all the Unitarian Churches in Boston, the Rev. Dr. Stearns, and Rev. Chas. Noyes, to be present, to consider the propriety of ordaining him as an Evangelist. This Council met on the 2d of April, in our church, and, after an examination of Mr. Stebbins, proceeded to his admission as an Evangelist, by the laying on of the hands of the Rev. Dr. Stearns.

Mr. Newell's ministry with us, as my assistant, and in care of

*The printing and distribution have been delayed till the congregation should be gathered again, at the close of the summer.

the services of the Christian Unity, closed when he entered the Auxiliary Relief Corps of the Sanitary Commission; one more contribution made by us from the number of our best workmen, to the efficiency of the army. Mr. John Williams, who had been acting as one of the superintendents of the Unity, took Mr. Newell's place as my assistant, and his report will be found in this pamphlet.

The third anniversary of the dedication of the church fell on Sunday. In the place of our usual festival celebration, I attempted, in a sermon on the occasion, to illustrate the duties and privileges of a Congregational church.

On alternate Thursday evenings, the teachers of the Sunday school have met me for the study of the Bible. We have occupied the successive meetings, each by the examination of a single book or author of the New Testament,—not attempting criticism of detail, but rather to become more familiar with the leading characteristics of each writer, and the plan he had in mind. The ladies of my own class, meeting on alternate Wednesdays, have been occupied, in some detail, with the History of the Reformation.

The members of both these classes collected and arranged the materials for two newspapers for the Sunday schools of the parish, which were circulated among the children on Thanksgiving Day, and on the Christmas holidays. It is a pleasure to make the acknowledgments of the children and their parents to the friends who provided for the expense of the printing.

On Tuesday, the 14th of March, I met, for the first time, a number of ladies and gentlemen to whom I had proposed a meeting for some conversation indicating the best books and other aids in the personal religious life of the believer. The series of readings proved so interesting to those who met, that they were continued regularly on Tuesday afternoons for the next six weeks, with various subjects, all relating to the closer walk with God, which is the daily quest of a true man. The last service of this class was on the 25th of April. I then suspended it, or transferred it, substituting a regular morning meeting, every week day, in the vestry, for prayer, sacred song, and the reading of Scripture. This service has continued until the beginning of summer.

In the theory of our forefathers, and in their practice, very largely, the life of every family began each day with family worship. I wish that this were the universal habit now. If it were, I do not think I should be more ready than they were to attempt to conduct a daily morning service in church, to be attended by men and women as a consecration for the day,

before its active duties begin. But I am well aware that such a service is, for many reasons, good and bad, not now universal, even in families where is an earnest wish for such consecration of each day's life. The interest which attended our daily service this spring, evidently increased from day to day. I cannot determine what arrangements for such a service may be wise in another winter. But I am sure that those who found it convenient to attend this series, will remember it with pleasure.

To the very careful report of the Ladies' Friendly Society, I may add, that in the hospitals of the army we were represented by Mr. Newell, as I have said; by Mr. W. H. Reed, in the Auxiliary Relief Corps, and by Miss Southwick. In a visit to the camp in the neighborhood of Richmond, in June of last year, I was put into communication with the officers of our flag-of-truce boat, in which they suggested to me the best way to furnish food and medical stores immediately to our prisoners in Richmond. I asked the means for that relief, from the pulpit, and by circular letters to the friends of imprisoned officers, as soon as I returned home. I have reason to believe that a considerable part of the supplies, which were very liberally furnished, reached their destination. But the movements of Gen. Grant soon changed the systems of our flags of truce, so as to render that method of supply unavailable; and I directed the transfer of the remainder of these stores to our own hospitals, and to the sanitary warehouses.

We celebrated the victories which secured our peace by a spontaneous service of thanksgiving on the afternoon of April 10th, 1865, in which many of the ministers of our sister churches here participated with us. The next week, alas! we were called to sadder services by the murder of the President. On the 19th of April, a day of solemn memory in Boston, as early as 1689, when, on that day, the tyrant Andros was unseated here by a popular revolution, made more sacred on the 19th April, 1775, and more sad on the 19th April, 1861, — on this day of memorial, the church was crowded, as were all the churches of the land, by the throng of worshippers, who, at the same hour asked God to consecrate to the nation the death of its chief.

The service of the 1st of June was appointed by the President of the United States, at the request of the Members of Congress present in Washington, for the united prayers of the nation for God's blessing in its affliction.

With the return of peace, we added to the inscription behind the pulpit, "GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST," which was painted there in the first year of war, the words which then

we had left unwritten — "AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN." May we not, now that peace is assured, place in the church some permanent monument to those young men of our number who gave their lives in this struggle? Such a memorial would remind even children, whenever they come here to worship, of the first duty of the Christian citizen. Fifty-four members of the congregation have been in active service, in the army or navy, as the war went on. I am sure that no one has remained at home who has not contributed something toward the victory of Liberty and Union.

Of our own soldiers in the field,

JAMES HAYES, color bearer of the 19th Mass. regiment, killed at Antietam, Sept. 17, 1862:

GEORGE BUSH, captain in the 13th, killed on the Rappahannock, April 30th, 1863:

ALBERT K. PAGE, of the 44th regiment, who died July 3d, 1863, from disease contracted in the field:

CHARLES ROBINSON JOHNSON, captain in the 16th regiment, who died on the 17th of July, 1863, from a wound received at Gettysburg:

EDWARD J. KIDDER, Lieut. in the 12th regiment, killed at Spottsylvania Court House, May 10th, 1864:

HORACE W. BAYLEY, of the 22d regiment, who died June 24th, 1864, of a wound received in the Wilderness, and

JOHN F. SMITH, of the 3d cavalry, who died in hospital, in St. Louis,— all of whom were connected with us, some of them by the very closest ties,— sealed their devotion to the Country with their blood.

This Church, like every other Unitarian church in America, received an invitation to be present at the Convention of the Unitarian churches, called by a committee of the American Unitarian Association. It accepted the invitation, and was represented at the Convention in New York, on the 5th and 6th of April last, by myself and Henry P. Kidder and Charles G. Wood, regularly chosen as delegates. The discussions of that Convention appear to your delegates to have resulted in measures of the very first interest and value to all liberal Christians. The Convention directed the endowment of Antioch College, by a fund of $100,000. Although the churches had just before raised $116,000 for a Missionary Fund, this new appeal was promptly answered. The greater part of the endowment has been promised by reliable persons.*

The Convention also called on the churches to raise a mis-

*The whole is now regarded as secure, and most of it is invested in the Treasury of the College. Sept. 18, 1865.

sionary fund for the next year's service as large as that of the past year.

It directed the attention of the churches to the improvement and enlargement of the usefulness of the journals of the denomination.

It directed the large endowment of Meadville Theological School, and the Divinity School, at Cambridge.

Finally, the churches assembled united "themselves in a common body to be known as the National Conference of Unitarian Christians, to the end of energizing and stimulating the denomination with which they are connected, to the largest exertions in the cause of Christian faith and work."

In all these measures, your delegates unanimously concurred, and they recommend the necessary measures for carrying them out, to your earnest attention.

The Board of Charities, in their report, give the details of the very generous and prompt answer, which this Church made to the appeal of the American Unitarian Association, for a missionary fund of one hundred thousand dollars, for the service of the year. That fund was proposed to the association, at its missionary meeting, by a member of this Church. I was proud that the Church was nearly the first church to answer the appeal; All Souls Church in New York, under the ministry of Dr. Bellows, being the only church which "stepped in before us," into a work so enlivening. The congregation must have felt the effect which the series of measures, of which the Missionary Fund, and the convention make a part, have produced on the interior life of our churches. It is matter of common remark, that the churches have never been crowded so fully, and that the public services of religion have never seemed to arrest the attention of the public so completely, through all our borders, as they have, since we consecrated ourselves anew, to the work of going out into all the world, to preach the gospel to every creature.

In the month of September, in 1864, the new Unitarian society in Sturbridge, in this State, was organized, and settled Rev. J. A. Buckingham as their first minister. We had the pleasure of presenting to them a communion service, similar to that used by ourselves in the communion, as a token of our sympathy with them in their new prospects.

I was once or twice asked, last summer, when the subscription for our new organ was in progress, if it would not check the flow of our regular charities, a check particularly to be dreaded on the eve of a winter of very high prices. The question was a very natural and important one. I felt myself, however, that

we should find we did not limit our charities, by a service so similar as the provision for the most perfect worship of God in music, which we could attain to. And it has proved that every appeal made to the church by its officers of charity has been more than answered to the full amount asked for. The contributions for different purposes, are, as they should be, more than twice those of the year before, as those were twice those of the year then preceding. I do not attach much importance to such statistics. I am well aware that the contributions of Christian men and women for the purposes of a high Christian life, exceed tenfold any amounts they may intrust to a church committee. It is evidently mere matter of accident, whether a man contribute in private to some object selected by himself, or intrust his contribution to our charity-box. It certainly is not a matter of importance. Yet it does happen that a Christian church is the visible representation of Christ in the world. Certain appeals are made to it, therefore, which are not so readily made to its individual members. And it is a matter of gratitude and satisfaction to the officers of that church, if its members keep them more than able to meet such appeals. In my earlier life, I have often said that I should like to be the minister of a church, which, as an organization, spent more for others than it did for itself. This early wish of mine is now fulfilled. The voluntary contributions of this Church in this year, to be expended outside itself for purposes of benevolence, largely exceed its liberal contributions for the maintenance of its own services.

The silent collections made week by week, in the charity-boxes, at the door of the church, amounted in the year, to $357.30. Where no special object is named, this money is expended for the relief of physical suffering, hunger or cold.

The Board of Charities, as their report shows, appropriated fifty dollars for the chapel on Gallop's island. Twenty-one dollars of this amount was paid by individuals to me for this purpose, and by me paid to the officer in charge of the chapel. The remainder, $29.00, was paid by the treasurer of the Board of Charities, from your "miscellaneous contribution," and appears on his account.

It will be observed on his account that the sum of $120.00 was paid me specially for "shoes for the poor." This payment is made under an arrangement which has proved to work well, by which our several visitors in the Sunday Schools, in the Sewing Schools, and in some other cases, have rewarded children who have made special efforts in the support of their parents' families, or in their studies, by giving them new shoes as a part of their winter outfit.

The other appropriations made by the Board of Charities to my use, either for coal or groceries, or in money, are for charges incurred by our different visitors in cases in which the congregation is supposed to have an especial duty.

Besides these sums, I have received from different quarters $275.35, to be applied to special purposes. I am deeply indebted to the friends who have confided to me these trusts, and have appropriated the money according to their directions.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWARD E. HALE,

Minister of the South Congregational Church.

JUNE 13, 1865.

REPORT OF THE DEACONS.

The Deacons of the Church are Robert J. Byram, George Merrill, David Reed, William Palfrey.

They have received $73.58 during the year, for the charities and other expenses of the church organization, and have expended $72.75.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHARITIES.

The Board of Charities was organized on the 10th of November, 1844, at which time there was a meeting of the congregation called by Rev. Mr. Huntington. The following votes were adopted:

Voted, That it is expedient for the members of this congregation to form themselves into an Association for charitable purposes.

Voted, That all persons worshipping at this place be considered members of this Association.

Voted, That there shall be an annual meeting of the Association in the month of November, and other meetings at such times as shall be thought expedient.

Voted, That at the annual meeting, twelve persons shall be chosen for Directors for the ensuing year, whose duty shall be to call meetings of the Association, at such times as they shall deem expedient, to consider all applications for charity, and to report thereon to the Association, or to act thereon as they shall think proper.

Voted, That said Directors shall choose from among themselves, their own Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, and shall, at each annual meeting, make a full report of the amounts by them collected for charitable purposes during the past year; and shall give, in detail, the several appropriations by them made, and shall report on such other matters, and make such suggestions, as will best promote the objects of the Association.

Voted, That the Pastor of the South Congregational Church shall, *ex officio*, be a member of the Board of Charities.

Voted, That the following named persons constitute the Directors for the ensuing year:

Joseph Eustis,	Charles Upham,
Charles Torrey,	Phineas E. Gay,
William Brigham,	Micah Cutler,
William H. Howard,	William T. Andrews,
Oliver Carter,	Jonathan Ellis,
Samuel F. Morse,	R. J. Byram.

Voted, That said Directors are authorized to fill any vacancies which may occur in their body, and to make any arrangements relative to the objects of the Association which they shall think proper.

Of this Board, William Brigham was chosen Secretary.

In conformity with this long established custom, the following gentlemen were appointed to act as your Board, for the current year: Rev. E. E. Hale, chairman; E. R. Mayo, C. H. Thomas, M. W. Weld, John Green, Russell Bates, W. H. Kennard, C. T. Tilton, T. B. Everett, C. T. White, C. B. Cumings, J. F. Emmons, Samuel P. Mandell.

The duties of your Board consist not only in the collection and appropriation of your charities, but they also exercise a supervision over the two chapels operating under the auspices of this church. A committee is appointed each month to visit the schools connected with the "Christian Unity," under the charge of Mr. J. Williams, and the one under the direction of Mr. Copeland, in the "Concord-street Chapel." This not only enables us to report the doings and progress of the schools, but it assures the teachers and scholars of your continued interest in their welfare and advancement. Both are in a flourishing condition, as will be seen by their respective reports. These missions are partially supported by the "Benevolent Fraternity of Churches." Your contributions to the fund of this association for the past year was $1,100. By reference to their report, it will be seen that a much larger sum was expended for the support of the "South End Mission," and it is the hope of your Board that another year your subscription may be large enough to meet the outlay which is made by the association for the continuation of these two chapels.

Early in the winter, an appropriation was made to enable us to employ a lady visitor to the poor. This was found necessary on account of the many calls for charity, none of which are

answered without an investigation of the case. In this connection we would say, that owing to the severity of the winter, and the high price of all the necessaries of life, we were obliged to call on you for an additional contribution for the miscellaneous fund. This was liberally responded to, and we were enabled to meet all demands.

The usual appropriation was made for the purchase of material for the "Sewing Schools." These are under the able direction of Mrs. Barry and Miss Emmons, who continue this most valuable charity with marked success. The "Ladies' South Friendly Society," which receives a share of your funds, for the purchase of material to be made into garments for the poor, has been reorganized the past season, and the "Army and Sanitary Association" has been connected with it. Its meetings have been largely attended, and much work accomplished.

But it is not only for the relief of the poor and neglected in our own immediate vicinity that you have liberally contributed during the year.

Early in the winter your Board were called upon for aid in the building of a chapel for the conscripts at Galloupe's Island. No place was provided by the Government where they could meet for instruction in spiritual things, and the appeal was one which we could not refuse. $50 was appropriated for the purpose. You also, by a special contribution, gave nearly $500 to the refugees from the South, who, for their loyalty to the Union, were driven from their homes, in an inclement season of the year, and were suffering for both food and clothing.

The appeal of the "American Unitarian Association" for a contribution to their fund to be used in the diffusion of the doctrine of liberal Christianity throughout the Southern portion of our country, was most liberally met by you—your subscription was among the largest received by the association.

It is with pleasure that your Board, in closing their report, refer you to the statement of the Treasurer, by which it will be seen, that notwithstanding the many calls for charity to which all have been subject during this, the closing year of the war, your voluntary contributions have largely exceeded that of any former year.

Respectfully submitted.

SAM'L P. MANDELL,
Secretary.

STATEMENT OF COLLECTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS,

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE BOARD OF CHARITIES OF THE

South Congregational Society.

1864.	MOSES W. WELD,	*Dr.*	
June 12.	To balance on hand	$63 65	
Oct. 9.	To amount of Collection taken up in aid of the Poor	355 13	
1865.			
Jan. 29.	To amount of Collection taken up for Miscellaneous Purposes	382 11	
Feb. 26.	To amount of Collection taken up for American Unitarian Association	5,025 00	
Feb. 28.	To amount of Collection taken up in aid of Benevolent Fraternity	1,091 00	
March 26.	To amount of Collection taken up in aid of New England Refugees' Aid Society	422 00	
May 21.	To amount of Collection taken up for Miscellaneous Purposes	284 21	
			$7,623 10

1864.	MOSES W. WELD,	*Cr.*	
June 16.	By amount paid Mr. Hale for Wood for the Poor	$12 00	
Aug. 2.	By amount paid Mr. Hale for Shoes for the Poor	20 00	
Oct. 9.	By amount paid Mr. Hale for Shoes for the Poor	100 00	
Oct. 10.	By amount paid Mr. Hale for Coal for the Poor	88 57	
Oct. 18.	By amount of appropriation paid Mr. Nazro for charities of Christian Unity	50 00	
Oct. 27.	By amount paid in aid of North street Mission	25 00	
" "	By amount of appropriation paid in aid Rev. George Piper's Church, Houlton, Me.	30 00	
" "	By amount of appropriation paid in aid of Sewing School	20 00	
Dec. 25.	By amount of appropriation paid Mr. Hale for Sundry Charities	30 00	
1865.			
Feb. 1.	By amount of appropriation paid Mr. Hale for Sundry Charities	64 00	
" "	By amount of appropriation to pay expenses of Delegates	36 40	
" "	By amount of appropriation paid for Mission School	40 00	
Feb. 18.	By amount of appropriation paid Mr. Hale for Sundry Charities	50 00	

Feb. 27.	By amount of appropriation to pay expenses of Delegates	20 00	
" "	By amount of Collection for American Unitarian Association paid over . .	5,025 00	
Feb. 28.	By amount of Collection for Benevolent Fraternity paid over	1,100 00	
March 23.	By amount of appropriation paid Rev. Charles Noyes for Chapel at Galloupe's Island	29 00	
March 27.	By amount of Collection for New England Refugees' Aid Society paid over . .	422 00	
April 17.	By amount of appropriation paid Mr. Hale for Sundry Charities . . .	62 00	
May 17.	By amount of appropriation paid Visitor to the Poor	100 00	
May 23.	By amount of appropriation paid Mr. Hale for Sundry Charities . . .	186 82	
" "	By amount of appropriation paid Mrs. Hooper for Sewing Society . . .	75 00	
			$7,585 79
June 1.	Balance on hand		$37 31

MOSES W. WELD.

BOSTON, June 1, 1865.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

[*Read at the Anniversary Meeting, June* 15, 1865.]

We have asked our friends to meet with us this afternoon to celebrate the thirty-seventh anniversary of our Sunday School, which is very dear to all who are, or have been connected with it, and we trust is so to all our friends.

It is in this belief that we invite the whole society to join with us in our simple ceremonies commemorative of another year added to its history.

The record of the School is not written here, in our annual report, nor in the weekly lesson, or assembling of the school alone, but more in the quiet influences going out into all of our duties, making them more hallowed, because we are taught here to realize the object and proper aim of life.

Here, life-long friendships have been formed, and we venture to believe many have been pointed to the "narrow way," strengthened in their good resolutions by the teachings and influences of faithful followers of our master.

It is a matter of deep regret to the officers and teachers of the School, that we have been unable to hold in our ranks more of the young ladies and gentlemen of the society. If the object

of attending the Sunday School is religious study, we feel that we are entitled to a much larger number of this class.

Our Bible Class for ladies has been well attended, and is still continued, in connection with the young gentlemen's class, under charge of Mr. Bishop, of Cambridge; its first teacher, Mr. Stebbins, having left us for service at the South.

Our expenses have been met by the Parish, and we have this occasion to thank our friends for the cheerfulness with which they always respond when we have any extra call to make.

We are always so confident of this, that we never hesitate to do what may seem to be for the good of the school, on account of the expense.

Our roll of members does not vary materially from our last report.

We have at present, 42 officers and teachers, 258 scholars, — 30 ladies, 12 gentlemen, 132 girls, 126 boys; being an unusually large per cent. of boys.

Aggregate attendance, ...	1,273	teachers,	6,562	scholars.
Largest attendance, ...	36	"	200	"
Smallest attendance, ...	27	"	120	"
Average attendance, , ...	33	"	168	"

Our Library is a constant source of watchful care.

We have a committee, whose duty it is to select the books, with the view of avoiding any improper for the children; and we feel confident in saying that since the appointment of the committee no objectionable books have been added.

The faithful regularity of the teachers is a matter quite worthy of remark, and the Superintendent thinks that in no year of his administration have there been so few changes in the corps of teachers. Care, too, has been taken to provide a substitute in the majority of cases, when absence was unavoidable.

This thoughtfulness is a relief to whoever presides over the School, and preserves, more than many realize, the class interest.

Our Teachers' Meetings have been held as usual, on alternate weeks, as we believe with profit to all who have attended.

We believe it is the universal testimony that no school can be properly efficient without regular Teachers' Meetings, and the fuller those meetings, when employed for training for Sunday duties, and for social intercourse, the better the school will be.

The year that is past has been, to many of us, one of sorrow; to all, of trial, anxiety, hope, and fear.

As, in our service, we have often asked God's blessing on our country, so now, when our prayers have been answered, we

look to Him in thankfulness for His kind protection through all the perils passed, and ask Him still to make us a united and Christian nation, and to help us all, the old and the young, to do our share to this end.

With new courage, we press forward into the new year, resolved faithfully to rally round the banner of Him to whose service again we pledge our lives.

Respectfully submitted.

H. P. KIDDER, *Superintendent.*

REPORT OF THE DELEGATES TO THE BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY.

The Board whom you have appointed to represent this Society in the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, in discharging the duty which is required of them, to present annually a report of the condition of that corporation, are gratified to be able to report that institution continuing in a flourishing condition; that an undiminished interest exists in its behalf, in all the branches; that one new branch (the "West Church") has been added the past year. The contributions of several of them have exceeded the liberal amounts of the previous year, and the finances are in a prosperous condition. The current receipts of the past year will probably equal, if not slightly exceed, the current expenditures of the year.

It is particularly gratifying to your Board to report that the prospect now is, that the long pending negotiation in relation to the payments for the building previously known as the "Suffolk Street Chapel," will soon be brought to a close. A further payment in money has been made, and other arrangements are in progress, which your Board hope will soon be completed to the satisfaction of all the parties concerned. This, it is supposed, will enable the Fraternity to provide better accommodations for the "South Mission." In fact, the corporation has already authorized the purchase of a lot of land on which to erect a chapel, when they think it best to do so, though that may be delayed by the unprecedented cost of building at the present time.

The same liberality in appropriations for the "Christian Unity," has marked the action of the Executive Committee of the Fraternity the past, as it did the previous year.

The number of chapels and missionaries is undiminished, as is the extended Christian influence which they exert upon

large numbers of families and individuals, in all parts of the city, particulars of which you will learn more fully by the perusal of the annual report of the Executive Committee, which will be printed and distributed.

Your Board, in conclusion, would commend this excellent Christian missionary work, "the Ministry at Large," to your continued confidence and liberal support.

Which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. MERRILL,
Secretary.

BOSTON, March 26, 1865.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTH FRIENDLY SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1865.

During seven months of the year, commencing June 1st, 1864, the affairs of the Society were conducted as they had been, for many years previous. In January, 1865, Mrs. Joseph Eustis resigned the office of President of the Society, a position she had most ably filled for more than thirty years, at which time it was deemed expedient to re-organize the Society, uniting with it the "Sanitary Department," and the "Industrial Room," retaining the old name, but under a revised Constitution and By-Laws, to suit the enlarged work of the Society.

All families attending the South Congregational Church, were called upon by the "Visiting Committee," and invited to become members of the Society. The response was most satisfactory.

It resulted in a very large attendance of Ladies at the weekly morning meetings, and at the monthly afternoon meetings, the presence of large numbers of Gentlemen gave evidence of *their* interest in our work. The afternoon meeting on the first Thursday of each month, was an institution of the original Society, and one which the new organization gladly retained. A social gathering, at which Pastor and people were brought together in most pleasant relations, and where every one was made heartily welcome. We should not omit in this connection, to say how grateful we feel to those who so kindly and sweetly made melody for us on these occasions; if they could but realize how much pleasure they gave, they would feel more than repaid for their efforts in our behalf.

The work that has been done during the year will be shown by the annexed list. A portion of the articles contributed to the N. E. W. Auxiliary Association were sent while the Sanitary

Department was a separate interest (as also some of the donations were given in the earlier months of the year), the remainder of the work has been done since January. The close of the war will leave us with comparatively little to be done for the soldiers, thereby enabling us to turn our attention in other directions. To those kind friends who have remembered us with gifts of money or materials, we tender our most hearty thanks. These additions to our means enable us to extend our sphere of usefulness by employing those persons who apply to us for work, those who are desirous of helping themselves, rather than become the recipients of charity. Many women have had employment from us *this* year, and we trust the coming year will find us able to help many more in the same way. To those who have aided us hitherto, we look (and feel we shall not look in vain) for assistance in carrying out our hopes.

Trusting that our efforts will meet with approval, and our success induce many to unite with us in the future, this report is respectfully submitted.

Articles contributed to the N. E. W. Auxiliary Sanitary Association: —

Drawers, 190 pairs.
Shirts, 41.
Socks, 76 pairs.
Slippers, 3 pairs.
Dressing gowns, 2.
Stomach bands, 11.
Arm slings, 32.
Eye shades, 284.
Bandages, 517 yards.
Woollen wristers, 5 pairs.
Handkerchiefs, 33.
Ring cushions, 24.
Comfort bags and needle cases, 34.
Bedquilts, 4.
Sheets, 12.
Pillow cases, 15.
Old linen and cotton, 8 bundles.
Old shirts, 3.
Canes, 3.
Tea, 1 chest.
Stores, 1 box.
Jelly and catsup, 2 bottles.
Tallow.
Valuable books and pamphlets.

Jan. 24th. To the Home for "Discharged Female Prisoners," 2 bedquilts.
March 30th. To the "Quincy Home for the Friendless," 1 bedquilt.
April 17th. To the "N. E. Freedmen's Aid Society," 15 calico dresses; 29 chemises; 9 tiers.

April 20th, to the Mariners' Home, 3 pairs shirts, 2 pairs pillow-cases.

Garments, &c., given to the poor of our own neighborhood from January to present date:—

Women's and children's under garments, 19; dresses, 5.
Men's and boys' under garments, 7.
Sheets, 2 pairs.
Cotton, flannel, &c., 27¼ yards.
Donations received during the year:—
1 dozen handkerchiefs, Mrs. N. Thayer.
Sheet and bandages, Mrs. J. Q. Adams.
Old cotton, Mrs. McCrillis.
Old cotton and linen, Mrs. J. Eustis.
Old shirts, linen, &c., Mrs. W. B. Fowle.
Socks, slippers, pillows, &c., Mrs. G. Reynolds.
Bags and slings, Miss Reynolds.
5 pieces cotton (170 yards), 1 package yarn, 10 yards green cambric, Mr. C. G. Wood.
9 stomach-bands, 1 dressing-gown, 5 pairs wristers, 8 arm-slings, Mrs. Otis Everett.
3 pairs woollen socks, Miss C Sprague.
6 spools cotton, Mrs. L. Coleman.
1 piece cotton (35 yards), Mrs. D. N. Spooner.
20 pincushions, Mrs. Webster.
4 dozen spools cotton, Mr. T. C. Stearns.
2 yards green silk, Mr. J. J. Stevens.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. — This Association shall be called the SOUTH FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE II. — The Society will endeavor to furnish to all persons connected in any way with the South Congregational Society, an opportunity to engage personally in works of Christian charity, and to assist each other in carrying them forward. It will hold itself in readiness to advance all charities in which the church may be engaged, especially clothing the destitute, in providing for the necessities of the army in times of war, and in contributions to the various charitable organizations of the neighborhood, in helping poor women to earn their own subsistence.

ARTICLE III. — The officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, and the following Committees: Executive Committee, Providing Committee, Industrial Committee, Cutting Committee, Inspecting, Packing and Forwarding Committee, Visiting Committee, Reception Committee, Tea Committee, and any additional committees that may be necessary. They shall be chosen at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV. — The President, and in her absence the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings.

ARTICLE V. — It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of every meeting of the Society, and Executive Committee, to issue the notifications for all meetings, and conduct the correspondence, to keep a list of all persons relieved.

ARTICLE VI. — The Treasurer shall keep an account of all receipts and expenditures, pay all bills and accounts which are approved by the Executive Committee, and keep a list of the annual subscribers, collect or receive their subscriptions as well as donations, and exhibit at every annual meeting an account current of receipts and expenditures.

ARTICLE VII. — The annual meeting shall be held on the first Thursday in January for the choice of officers for the year.

ARTICLE VIII. — Any lady can become a member by paying an annual assessment of one dollar and a half, and any gentleman an associate member by paying one dollar.

ARTICLE IX. — This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting or at any special meeting by a vote of a majority of the members of the society present.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I. — The President, Vice-Presidents and three other members of the Society shall constitute an Executive Committee to be its board of management.

ARTICLE II. — This Committee shall determine from time to time, the objects to which the charity and work of the Society shall be devoted. They shall direct the purchases to be made, and no bills shall be paid without their approval. They shall acquaint themselves personally, or by the different visitors of the church, with the condition and needs of the beneficiaries of the Society.

ARTICLE III. — The Providing Committee shall purchase all articles necessary for the charities of the Society.

ARTICLE IV. — The Industrial Committee shall receive all applications from poor women seeking work. They shall make such arrangements as they can, for providing work for such persons, especially in the winter months. They shall sell garments thus made to the best advantage, and account to the Treasurer from time to time for the proceeds of such sales.

ARTICLE V. — The Cutting Committee shall be responsible for all work, for its preparation, distribution, and completion, and shall give a weekly account of it to the Secretary.

ARTICLE VI. — The Inspecting, Packing, and Forwarding Committee shall see that all garments made are ready for delivery, shall pack and forward them with care to their destination.

ARTICLE VII. — The Visiting Committee are responsible for the invitation to the Society of every lady who is a regular worshipper in the Church. They shall arrange that one or more of their number shall call on every such lady and invite her attendance at the meetings. They shall meet once a month *at least*, at the time of the meeting of the Society, and arrange for their duties of the next month.

ARTICLE VIII. — The Committee of Reception shall discharge the duties of a hostess, they shall welcome every lady as a guest, and care for her hospitable reception among the members of the Society.

ARTICLE IX. — The Tea Committee will provide the refreshments, and act as the housekeepers of the Society.

ARTICLE X. — There shall be a Committee of six ladies, whose duty it shall be to visit the poor and ascertain their condition, and report the same to the Executive Committee for relief.

OFFICERS FOR 1865.

President, — Mrs. S. S. Hooper.
Vice-Presidents, — Mrs. C. T. Tilton, Mrs. O. H. Sampson.
Secretary, — Mrs. W. B. Weston.
Treasurer, — Miss E. P. Hughes.

Committees.

Executive Committee,—Mrs. Joseph Eustis, Mrs. T. C. Stearns, Mrs. W. T. Eustis.

Providing Committee, — Mrs. C. T. Tilton, Mrs. Preston.

Industrial Committee, — Mrs. Joseph Eustis, Mrs. J. Q. Adams, Mrs. Thomas Haviland.

Cutting Committee, — Mrs. O. H. Sampson, Mrs. G. F. Williams, Mrs. W. W. Palmer, Miss H. Sweetser, Miss E. Brooks, Miss L. Dutton, Miss G. Windsor.

Inspecting, Packing, &c. — Miss Dall.

Visiting Committee, — Mrs. G. P. Sanger, Mrs. E. R. Mayo, Mrs. B. N. Cumings, Mrs. W. F. Nichols, Mrs. E. H. Hall, Mrs. L. Coleman, Mrs. B. F. Tenney, Mrs. W. H. Kennard, Mrs. C. B. Cumings, Mrs. N. Brewer, Mrs. W. W. Palmer, Mrs. G. F. Williams, Miss M. Dutton, Miss S. Mayo.

Reception Committee, — Mrs. R. Bates, Mrs. O. Willard, Mrs. S. Morse, Mrs. C. T. Tilton.

Tea Committee, — Mrs. D. Reed, Mrs. W. T. Eustis, Mrs. J. V. Kettell, Mrs. L. Tucker, Mrs. Mandell, Mrs. E. T. Milliken, Mrs. J. E. Root, Miss C. Wales, Mrs. C. T. Barry, Mrs. A. B. Hall, Mrs. I. Macomber, Mrs. E. S. Phelps.

CHARLOTTE L. WESTON,
Secretary.

MAY 31, 1865.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE SOUTH FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

South Friendly Society in account with E. P. Hughes, Treasurer.

DR.			
1865.	To cash paid for material, as per mem.,		$500 16
	" " advanced for Industrial Depot		14 76
	" " balance on hand		42 46
			$557 38
CR.			
Jan.	Balance received from former Treasurer, per last acct.		$14 13
	" " " Treasurer of Army Committee		60 50
	By cash assessments from ladies and gentlemen		398 75
	Received of Miss E. T. Sever, Kingston, Mass.		5 00
	" from sale of carpet		4 00
	" " Church contributions		75 00
			$557 38
May 31.	Balance on hand		$42 46

E. P. HUGHES, *Treas.*

BOSTON, May 31, 1865.

REPORT OF THE MANAGERS OF THE INDUSTRIAL ROOM FROM JUNE 15, 1864, TO MAY 27, 1865. — The work in the Industrial Room has been carried on in the same way as in several years previous.

The new movement in regard to the South Friendly Society, and its consequent enlargement, has enabled its officers to give in charity so much more than at any time since the Industrial Room has been in operation, that there has not been so much demand for purchases, and, of course, much of the clothing made the past winter remains on hand.

The receipts from sale of garments		$49 10
" from the treasurer of the South Friendly Society,		14 76
Balance on hand June 15, 1864		29 08
		$92 94
Expended for yarn, jean, shirting, thread, &c. . .	$40 62	
Paid workwomen	50 13	
		90 75
Balance on hand		$2 19

MAY 27, 1865.

For the managers.

E. S. B. EUSTIS, *Treasurer.*

SIXTH REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN UNITY.

The Christian Unity was organized on the 14th of December, 1858, among members of the South Congregational Church, and others residing in the neighborhood, by the adoption of the following —

CONSTITUTION.

The CHRISTIAN UNITY is a society for mutual friendship and assistance.

Its members strive to do to each other as they would be done by, in the spirit of our Saviour.

They render each other mutual help in all sickness, or other want of body, mind, cr soul; and they ask help of each other as readily as they offer it.

For these purposes they unite in this Society; undertaking to do such duty for the Society as the proper officers may request, to sustain its character, to assist each other by strict temperance and purity of life, and by fulfilling the duties of good citizens and friendly neighbors.

Mr. CHARLES T. BISHOP and Miss E. MARIA SIMONDS are to be remembered as the founders of this Society.

The Officers for the last year have been,—

EDWARD E. HALE, ...	*President.*
CHARLES J. BISHOP, JOHN WILLIAMS,	*Superintendents.*
FREDERICK H. NAZRO, ...	*Secretary and Treasurer.*
JOHN WILLIAMS, ...	*Superintendent of Sunday School.*
GEO. S. CARPENTER, ...	*Librarian.*
CHAS. E. CARTER, ...	*Secretary of Sunday School.*

In presenting the report of the Christian Unity for the present year, I feel bound to say that the merit of anything like method in it is due to the systematic manner in which Mr. Frederick H. Nazro has kept the records of the Society for the past year, to which I am now indebted in thus presenting it to you.

By reference to the Constitution above, as also to the former reports, you will fully understand, I think, that this Society is not what is strictly termed a Mission, except in so far as each individual member of the Christian Unity is a missionary, each having gifts differing each from each, and no two of them having the same office, they are all expected to do something for the common weal. The question then arises what is *the* weal which is common to each one of us as members of the Christian Unity? I answer that as the greater part of us have felt the pangs of poverty; have felt the want of the social tie; have felt the want of sympathy not only in our temporal concerns, but in those yearnings of the soul towards some other soul to whom we could pour out the story of failure and disappointment,—may be backsliding and disgrace,—having felt all this, and having found the panacea for it in a community built upon the foundation of Jesus Christ himself, whose greatest boon to us is "that He himself having suffered, being tempted, is able to succor those that are tempted": the common weal, then, is the succoring others; for that is the true extension of the Kingdom of Christ; that is the primary meaning, as we understand it, of preaching good tidings to the poor, for what can be greater tidings of joy to any poor person, who has not for years known any one, not even her next door neighbor, than to hear that there are friends in their neighborhood whose greatest wish is to show them that they are all children of the living God,—all brothers and sisters; in a larger sense than in words, or in a patronizing visit. Many I know will smile at this picture, and say that it is Utopian; but I can show you proofs that this very state of things begins to exist in the midst of us, and no other society in this city of Boston can claim such an universal feeling of unsectarian love and fellowship as this little society, which makes so little noise that it may be compared to the dew that falls so silently, yet performs so great a work.

The fall and winter campaign for 1864–5 began Wednesday, August 31, 1864. During the summer months, I was absent in Chicago, but I felt all the while I was there that the Society was in good hands, for Mr. Nazro faithfully sent me full reports of all their doings, so that when I came back I found we were in

as flourishing a condition as we could wish, every member really alive to the work.

We began our campaign, I say, on Wednesday evening, August 31, because these meetings I have always considered the spiritual life-blood of the Society. They are purely conversational meetings, conducted by Mr. Bishop, in which any one present is invited to partake, and they have been uniformly well attended, and a very lively spiritual interest manifested in them. At the close of these meetings, as, indeed, at the close of all our meetings, we have social conversation, such as few that have never witnessed it can understand. It is the beginning, I believe, of that state of things which the Lord has promised us, when the heavens of our hearts shall be opened to one another, and we shall see the angels of his love ascending and descending from one to the other.

Our social gatherings for the children are by no means an unimportant part of our work. These social gatherings have been of immense benefit to us many ways, more especially in directing the young mind towards rational enjoyment in the place of their running wild about the streets. Let me quote at hap-hazard from Mr. Nazro's admirable record:

"*Thursday, Sept.* 15. Social gathering for the children and adults; pieces spoken, songs sung by the children, amusing games by the children and adults; one hundred and twenty-five of our own number present, besides a number of strangers."

Early in the winter, Mr. F. H. Nazro inaugurated a movement amongst the children, which we designated The Temperance Band of Love, which, as its name implies, had for its aim not so much the prevention of intemperance amongst themselves, but that by their efforts at home and in their separate neighborhoods they may use their influence, which is not only by no means small, but, as we have had abundant proof, is one of the greatest levers of civilization that our Heavenly Father has given to prevent the monster of Intemperance from devastating the homes of our poor. The children have taken so much interest in this movement that at their own request our social gatherings have been merged entirely into the Temperance Love meetings. We were the more willing to acquiesce in this change because our present hall is so limited in size that we have not sufficient room for the full enjoyment of a social gathering. We have been indebted for addresses on these occasions to Mr. Albert Day, of the Washingtonian Home, and other gentlemen. On alternate Thursdays we have held meetings for sewing, in which we have made quilts, and have given them to poor people outside of our Christian Unity. We also had the

honor of adding our mite in the shape of forty-four garments made for the refugees from Florida; and you will agree with me I know in saying that it is indeed a labor of love, when women who have worked hard all day, as these poor women all do, should come together and work till half-past ten at night to make garments for their dear Lord and Master, for, "Inasmuch as they did it for these they did it unto Him."

There is still another feature to which I would draw your attention, which is the care of our sick; and here I must say that the grand system that we have of supplying night-watchers for them is owing entirely to the great heart of Mr. Bishop, who first started this movement amongst us, and this I can say with the most perfect confidence, and shall be borne out by more than one of your own number, that there is less trouble in my getting a watcher to-night, if I should need one for the poorest stranger in this ward, than there would be for the wealthiest person in your congregation to hire one. In connection with the subject of the sick, I would say that we are greatly indebted to Mr. John L. Hunnewell for medicines supplied by him, in many cases gratuitously, and in all cases at the bare cost, and I hope he will not think that I say too much, when I say that of all the benefactors of our Christian Unity, he stands in the foremost rank, for he has not only given us of his means, but he has gone to the homes of our sick with us, and watched the effects of his remedies with the greatest care; and I am happy to be able to testify that both his visits and his medicines have, under the blessing of God, produced in every case where they have been resorted to in time the happiest results.

Our Sunday services have been uniformly well attended. They consist of Sunday School at 1½ P. M., and service for adults at 7½ P. M. Our Sunday school has had an average attendance of eighty pupils, though not an average of twelve teachers as I inadvertently reported to the Benevolent Fraternity, for I find that the maximum attendance of teachers has been twelve, and the minimum four, making an average of only eight teachers to eighty pupils. This is exactly half the number we should have, for with children such as we gather into our School, no teacher however competent, is able to give proper attention to more than four at a time. It is of very little use having teachers whom their children see but once a week, and that on a Sunday afternoon: they must visit them all at least once a week, at their homes, if they can hope to have their pupils pay that respect and love which is due from one to the other. The disciple is not above his Lord, and that I think was the Lord's method of gaining the hearts of *his* disciples. I ask then earnestly of the

young men and young ladies of this congregation, to come forward, and aid us in this work, and though I would forewarn them that the office is no sinecure, and that it may be, that weeks and months may roll away, and you have no reward for your labors, but the eternal promise that "His word shall not return unto Him void," yet I can assure them from my own experience, that such labors are amply, ay, and promptly paid by our Heavenly Father, in such innumerable ways, that it is as impossible to describe them, as to mark the spot in the heavens where the lightning lighteneth out of the one part, and shineth unto the other part. This we know, that so shall be the coming of the Son of Man in our hearts, if we only have our conductors ready, even those little ones whom he so loves, and who always see the face of their Father in Heaven.

Our Sunday evening services have been a marked success; the attendance has averaged a hundred people. They have been conducted for the past year on the first two Sundays of the month by Mr. Hale and myself, and with the exception of the last Sunday in each month, which we have devoted to concerts, they have been conducted by ministers in the employ of the Benevolent Fraternity, and by Rev. Mr. Torricelli, Rev. R. C. Waterston, Rev. Mr. Foote, and gentlemen from the Divinity School, to all of whom we beg to return our heartfelt thanks. At the beginning of the year, we were unfortunately deprived of our very commodious hall on corner of Dover and Washington streets, and were indebted to the Trustees of Warren-street Chapel for temporary accommodations until we procured our present hall, 155 Harrison Avenue. Though the accommodations are not so ample as they were in Tuckerman Hall, yet we feel that the providence of God has placed us in a very important field, for it is not only in the very centre of our own people, but it is contiguous to one of the very worst haunts of vice at the South End, and we have cause even in this short time to thank our great leader, who appointed us this post on his battle-field, that we have been permitted to reflect more than one ray of his divine light into that dark neighborhood, this almost "Galilee of the Gentiles."

Such is the report of the Christian Unity as far as I can give it in so small a space as I dare to occupy in your Annual Report, but I would cordially invite any of you who love to see the Kingdom of Christ extended, come and see for yourselves, what the small wheels are doing towards the great work.

In closing, I would express our warmest thanks for the generous contributions of those gentlemen named in Mr. F. H. Nazro's report, and beg to assure them that the money they have

so generously bestowed has been the means, this hard winter, in which everything has been so dear, of encouraging many a poor Christian brother and sister to still work on in the Master's vineyard. There have been several of our poorer members who have not been able to keep up their assessments through the present winter, so that we shall be glad of any new names as contributors to this most excellent charity, and of this you may rest assured that your money will never be frittered away by salaries paid to officers of the Christian Unity, nor is there ever any red-tape system to prevent your beneficence from having its perfect work. I wish it to be understood that all moneys that have been appropriated by the Board of Charities of the South Congregational Church to the Christian Unity have been religiously devoted to the assistance of the poor who are *not* members of the Christian Unity, but *protegés* of some member or other of the South Congregational Church, and I would further say that not only have we not received any appropriation from the Board of Charities, but we have saved to that board, at the lowest calculation, $175, by taking upon ourselves the sole responsibility of several poor saints who were formerly supported almost entirely by your liberality. We trust that our Heavenly Father will amply repay our benefactors, and put it into the hearts of others to come forward and aid us in this beautiful work.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN WILLIAMS,
Superintendent.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the Christian Unity, for the year ending June 1, 1865.

Receipts.

Balance from old account	$126 33
Subscriptions of friends	100 00
Board of Charities So. Cong. Society	50 00
Benevolent Fraternity of Churches	400 00
Rent of Hall	6 00
Unity assessment account	558 55
Proceeds Entertainment at Williams Hall	277 00

Expenditures.

Rent of Hall	$212 55	
Expenses of Hall, Gas, Sexton, moving, cleaning, books, &c., &c.	173 64	
Coal, wood, groceries, rents, funerals, &c.	710 08	
Loans*	164 37	
Expended for charities of South Cong. Society	50 00	
Balance to new account	207 24	
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I have received, in addition to the amount put down in the report ($110) one hundred and ten dollars, being the amount in the charity-boxes prior to Christmas and Thanksgiving. This amount, together with what has been given to me personally was expended on Thanksgiving and Christmas. By it we were enabled to give out turkeys and provisions to sixty worthy families, and to give presents on Christmas to one hundred children. The following gentlemen are regular monthly subscribers to the Unity:

Mr. H. P. Kidder,	Mr. R. C. Billings,
Mr. C. J. Bishop,	Mr. R. Williams,
Mr. Jona. Ellis,	Mr. E. Sampson,
Mr. Dan'l N. Spooner,	Mr. S. B. Dana,
Mr. J. Sweetser,	Mr. R. C. Stearns,
Dr. Weld,	Mr. F. H. Peabody,
Mr. C. H. Sampson,	Mr. G. B. Macomber,
Mr. C. G. Wood,	Mr. N. J. Bradlee.

We should be pleased to add names of any gentlemen who feel desircus of becoming assessed members of the Unity, and any contributions or assessments that may be sent to F. H. Nazro, 121 Pearl street, Boston, will be gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted.

F. H. Nazro, *Treas.*

* These are loans made to members of the Unity who desire to pay, but sometimes pressing necessity makes them borrow.

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